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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: REINHOLD TIMMS SKETCH

REF: US BERLIN 1884

EYES ONLY FOR POLAD NELSON FROM DAVID ANDERSON

1. I DISCUSSED THE SKETCH MATTER FURTHER WITH THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY AFTER RECEIVING YOUR HELPFUL MESSAGE.
2. THE UPSHOT OF A LOT OF TO-ING AND FRO-ING IS THAT THE WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT REPEAT NOT WISH TO GO ALONG WITH THE SCENARIO YOU OUTLINED. BRIEFLY PUT, IT IS STILL CONCERNED ABOUT THE COMMERCIAL ASPECTS AND THE POTENTIAL FOR SOME SLIP-UP WHICH COULD BE EMBARRASSING TO THE PRESIDENT.
3. THE SOLUTION WHICH HAS BEEN SETTLED UPON, AND ON WHICH I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR REACTION, IS AS FOLLOWS: TIMMS  
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WOULD GIVE US THE COPIES THAT HE WANTS TO PRESENT TO THE RATHAUS, THE MISSION, AND TO ANY OTHER INSTITUTIONS. WE WOULD THEN ARRANGE WITH THE WHITE HOUSE TO HAVE THEM PROPERLY INSCRIBED AND SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ONE TO THE RATHAUS MIGHT HAVE THE INSCRIPTION:

TO THE PEOPLE OF BERLIN AND ITS ELECTED ASSEMBLY, WITH

BEST WISHES." THE OTHERS WOULD HAVE APPROPRIATELY WORDED INSCRIPTIONS KEYED SPECIFICALLY TO THE INSTITUTION OR PERSON TO BE PRESENTED WITH THE SKETCH. THE WHITE HOUSE IS ALSO PREPARED TO HAVE ONE SKETCH INSCRIBED AND SIGNED FOR TIMMS HIMSELF.

4. THE QUESTION THEN REMAINS ABOUT THE PRESENTATION OF THE INSCRIBED AND SIGNED SKETCHES TO THE VARIOUS RECIPIENTS. THE WHITE HOUSE WOULD PREFER TO FORWARD THE SKETCHES TO THE INSTITUTIONS/PERSONS VIA THE MISSION BUT IF YOU BELIEVE THAT SOME ROLE FOR TIMMS IS REQUIRED, THEN LET ME HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS AS TO HOW BEST THIS COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED. I PERSONALLY WOULD NOT MIND DOING IT TOGETHER WITH TIMMS AT THE RATHAUS. THIS WOULD GIVE HIM SOME PR MILEAGE YET STILL PRESERVE A US ROLE.

5. I AM SORRY THIS IS BECOMING SO COMPLICATED. IT IS JUST THAT THERE IS UNDERSTANDABLY A LOT OF SENSITIVITY IN THE WHITE HOUSE ABOUT POSSIBLE MISUSE OF A GRACIOUS GESTURE BY THE PRESIDENT. DEAL WITH THE MATTER IN YOUR BEST DIPLOMATIC METHOD. I'LL BE ALONG TO COLLECT THE KUDOS.  
CHRISTOPHER

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